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SUBJECT: MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE FROM SECRETARY SIMON

1. PLEASE CONVEY SOONEST FOLLOWING MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE.

2. FOR H.R.H. PRINCE MUSA'ID, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY. BEGIN TEXT: YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS: ALTHOUGH WRITTEN WORDS CANNOT PROVIDE RELIEF, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT MY THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU AT THIS TRAGIC TIME. KING FAISAL WAS A WISE AND GREAT MAN WHO PROVIDED STRONG AND COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP NOT ONLY TO HIS PEOPLE, BUT THE ENTIRE WORLD. IN THE SPIRIT OF THE KING, I AM HOPEFUL THAT WE MAY CONTINUE AND STRENGTHEN OUR FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES. MOST SINCERELY, WILLIAME. SIMON. END TEXT.

3. FOR GOVERNOR QURAYSHI. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. GOVERNOR: ALTHOUGH WORDS CANNOT SUFFICE, I WISH TO REITERATE MY HEARTFELT SADNESS AND EXTEND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AT THE DEATH OF YOUR KING. KNOWING THAT EXTREMISM DEFEATS ITSELF, KING FAISAL BROUGHT A COURAGEOUS VOICE OF REASON AND MODERATION TO THE PEACE EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND UNCLASSIFIED

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IN THE ENTIRE WORLD. AS A STRONG DEFENDER OF HIS

PEOPLE'S INTERESTS, THE KING WAS A NOBLE AND WISE STATESMAN- HIS DEATH WAS A GREAT LOSS TO THE ENTIRE WORLD. MAY YOU FIND SOME COMFORT IN KNOWING THAT THE KING AS A SYMBOL OF THE PRIDE AND DETERMINATION OF THE ARAB PEOPLE REMAINS IMMORTAL. AS A TRIBUTE TO THE KING, LET US WORK TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN OUR NATION'S FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. MY THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU. MOST SINCERELY, WILLIAM E. SIMON. END TEXT.

4. FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT RAILROAD. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. QUSAYBI: I WAS DEEPLY SADDENED TO LEARN OF KING FAISAL'S DEATH. PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES. HE WAS A WISE AND GREAT LEADER WHO WILL BE SORELY MISSED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. IN THE SPIRIT OF THE KING, I HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN OUR RELATIONSHIP OF COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR NATIONS. MOST SINCERELY, WILLIAM E. SIMON. END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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